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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/762,787	Applicant(s) REED ET AL.	
	Examiner Bernard Lipman	Art Unit 1713	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-76 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4-8, 12-15, 24-27 and 32-76 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 9-11, 16-23 and 28-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group I and the blend with polyethylene terephthalate, claims 1-3, 9-11, 16-23 and 28-31, in the reply filed on 17 April 2006 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that there is no undue burden on the examiner to search all the claims and that extra fees have been paid for the additional claims, which should cover the minor additional burden. This is not found persuasive because the burden of consideration of the additional inventions and species resides not just in the search but also in considerations of patentability. The additional fees paid do not provide the examiner with additional time to examine the application, an issue that needs to be addressed to the Director and is not within the purview of the examiner.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3, 9-11, 16-23 and 28-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Falardeau et al, European Patent 0,201,411 or Kolich et al, U. S. Patent Publication 2002/0061983 in view of Neuberg et al, U. S. Patent 4,151,223.

Both references to Falardeau et al and Kolich et al teach the blending of flame-retardant amounts of anionically polymerized brominated polystyrene into polyesters wherein the polymers possess the degree of bromination as claimed. Reference to Neuberg et al specifically teaches the use of polyester compositions with flame-

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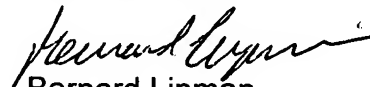
retardant polystyrene for use in the formation of fibers or filaments, for the formation of textiles. It would, therefore, be prima facie obvious to use the flame-retardant containing compositions taught by Falardeau et al and Kolich et al to make fibers and textiles as taught by Neuberg et al since both are to polyester compositions with flame-retardants which are well known for use in textiles, which provides motivation to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the compositions in this way with a reasonable expectation of success. The specific size of the fibers is conventional in textiles, and the properties of the product-by-process would reasonably be expected to be the same absent evidence to the contrary, *In re Fitzgerald Et Al*, 205 USPQ 594. The claims are, therefore, properly rejected under 35 USC 103 as obvious from the combined teachings of the references.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bernard Lipman whose telephone number is 571-272-1105. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5 Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on 571-272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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